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SUBJECT: EC GUIDELINES FOR MTNS

REF: A) EC BRUSSELS 448 B) GENEVA 290

1. THE EC COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS ON JAN. 20 HEARD A
BRIEF REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE COMMUNITY'S PREPARATIONS
FOR THE MTNS. THE COUNCIL THEN TURNED TO THE QUESTION OF A DATE
FOR A MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION. ALL DATES PRIOR TO
FEB. 10 PROVED TO BE INCONVENIENT. IT WAS THEREFORE
DECIDED TO TAKE UP THIS SUBJECT AT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS
COUNCIL BEGINNING FEBRUARY 10. PLANS ARE FOR THIS SUBJECT
TO HEAD THE AGENDA AND FOR TRADE MINISTERS TO BE INVITED
TO ATTEND. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE DISCUSSION WILL LAST A
FULL DAY. (ACCORDING TO ONE PERMREP SOURCE, THE COMMUNITY
IS NOT TOO WORRIED ABOUT HOLDING THIS KEY COUNCIL DIS-
CUSSION SO CLOSE TO THE TNC BECAUSE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES
IN GENEVA HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE US WOULD NOT OPPOSE
SOME SLIGHT SLIPPAGE IN THE FEB. 11 STARTING DATE FOR THE
TNC.)

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2.ANOTHER PERMREP SOURCE HAS CONFIRMED THE INDICATIONS
IN REFTELS THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL INSIST THAT A SEPARATE
GROUP BE CHARGED WITH NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING ALL AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTS. AS POINTED OUT IN REF A, FRANCE'S DESIRE
THAT THIS BE SPELLED OUT IN THE EC'S NEGOTIATING GUIDELINES
WAS REBUFFED, NOT FOR SUBSTANTIVE REASONS, BUT BECAUSE
THE GUIDELINES SHOULD DEAL WITH SUBSTANCE, NOT TACTICS.
BOTH PERMREP SOURCES WITH WHOM WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS
POINT ARE SURE THAT AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME THE EC WILL
MAKE IT CLEAR THAT AGRICULTURE SHOULD BE DEALT WITH SEPARATELY.
AS ONE OF THEM PUT IT, THIS IS AN "ACQUIS-COMMUNAUTAIRE"--
AN ISSUE WHICH, IN COMMUNITY THINKING, WAS SETTLED IN
1973, AND WHICH COULD ONLY WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY BE REOPENED.
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